

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARK E. HOLLIDAY, as Trustee of the LB
Litigation Trust,

Plaintiff,

v.

BROWN RUDNICK LLP,

Defendant.

BROWN RUDNICK LLP,

Counterclaim Plaintiff,

v.

MARK E. HOLLIDAY, as Trustee of the LB
Litigation Trust, and PAUL N. SILVERSTEIN,

Counterclaim Defendants.

No. 1:19 Civ. 10925 (PAE) (SN)

**STIPULATED CONFIDENTIALITY
AGREEMENT AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER, District Judge:

WHEREAS, all of the parties to this action (collectively, the “Parties” and each individually, a “Party”) request that this Court issue a protective order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) to protect the confidentiality of nonpublic and competitively sensitive information that they may need to disclose in connection with discovery in this action;

WHEREAS, the Parties, through counsel, agree to the following terms; and

WHEREAS, this Court finds that good cause exists for issuance of an appropriately tailored confidentiality order governing the pretrial phase of this action;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Parties to this action, their respective officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, any other person in active concert or participation with any of the foregoing, and all other persons with actual notice of this Order will adhere to the following terms, upon pain of contempt:

1. With respect to “Discovery Material” (*i.e.*, information of any kind produced or disclosed in the course of discovery in this action) that a person has designated as “Confidential” pursuant to this Order, no person subject to this Order may disclose such Confidential Discovery Material to anyone else except as expressly permitted hereunder:

2. The Party or person producing or disclosing Discovery Material (each, “Producing Party”) may designate as Confidential only the portion of such material that it reasonably and in good faith believes consists of:

- a) previously non-disclosed financial information (including without limitation profitability reports or estimates, percentage fees, design fees, royalty rates, minimum guarantee payments, sales reports, and sale margins);
- b) previously non-disclosed material relating to ownership or control of any non-public company;
- c) previously non-disclosed business plans, product-development information, or marketing plans;
- d) any information of a personal or intimate nature regarding any individual; or
- e) any other category of information given confidential status by this Court after the date of this Order.

3. With respect to the Confidential portion of any Discovery Material other than deposition transcripts and exhibits, the Producing Party or its counsel may designate such portion as “Confidential” by: (a) stamping or otherwise clearly marking as “Confidential” the protected

portion in a manner that will not interfere with legibility or audibility, and (b) producing for future public use another copy of said Discovery Material with the confidential information redacted.

4. A Producing Party or its counsel may designate deposition exhibits or portions of deposition transcripts as Confidential Discovery Material either by: (a) indicating on the record during the deposition that a question call for Confidential information, in which case the reporter will bind the transcript of the designated testimony in a separate volume and mark it as "Confidential Information Governed by Protective Order;" or (b) notifying the reporter and all counsel of record, in writing, within 5 business days after receipt of a transcript of the deposition (including unofficial rough transcripts), of the specific pages and lines of the transcript that are to be designated "Confidential," in which case all counsel receiving the transcript will be responsible for marking the copies of the designated transcript in their possession or under their control as directed by the Producing Party or that person's counsel.

5. If at any time before the termination of this action a Producing Party realizes that it should have designated as Confidential some portion(s) of Discovery Material that it previously produced without limitation, the Producing Party may so designate such material by notifying all Parties in writing. Thereafter, all persons subject to this Order will treat such designated portion(s) of the Discovery Material as Confidential. In addition, the Producing Party shall provide each other Party with replacement version of such Discovery Material that bears the "Confidential" designation within two business days of providing such notice.

6. Nothing contained in this Order will be construed as: (a) a waiver by a Party or person of its right to object to any discovery request; (b) a waiver of any privilege or protection; or (c) a ruling regarding the admissibility at trial of any document, testimony, or other evidence.

7. Where a Producing Party has designated Discovery Material as Confidential, other persons subject to this Order may disclose such information only to the following persons:

- a) The Parties to this action, their insurers, and counsel to their insurers;
- b) Members of the Trust Advisory Board and their counsel;
- c) Counsel retained specifically for this action, including any paralegal, clerical, or other assistants or law firm staff that such outside counsel employs and assigns to this matter;
- d) Outside vendors or service providers (such as copy-service providers and document-management consultants) that counsel hire and assign to this matter;
- e) Any mediator or arbitration that the Parties engaged in this matter or that this Court appoints, provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form annexed as Exhibit A hereto;
- f) As to any document, its author, its addressee, and any other person indicated on the face of this document as having received a copy;
- g) Any witness who counsel for a party in good faith believes may be called to testify at trial or deposition in this action, provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form annexed as Exhibit A hereto;
- h) Any person a Party retains to serve as an expert witness or otherwise provide specialized advice to counsel in connection with this action, provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form annexed as Exhibit A hereto;
- i) Stenographers engaged to transcribe deposition the Parties conduct in this action; and
- j) This Court, including any appellate court, its support personnel, and court reporters.

8. Before disclosing any Confidential Discovery Material to any person referred to in subparagraphs 7(e), 7(g), or 7(h) above, counsel must provide a copy of this Order to such person, who must sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form annexed as Exhibit A hereto stating that he or she has read this Order and agrees to be bound by its terms. Said counsel must retain each

signed Non-Disclosure Agreement, hold it in escrow, and produce it to opposing counsel before such person is permitted to testify (at deposition or trial).

9. This Order binds the Parties and certain others to treat as Confidential any Discovery Materials so classified. The Court has not, however, made any finding regarding the confidentiality of any Discovery Materials, and retains full discretion to determine whether to afford confidential treatment to any Discovery Material designated as Confidential hereunder. All persons are placed on notice that the Court is unlikely to seal or otherwise afford confidential treatment to any Discovery Material introduced into evidence at trial, even if such material has previously been sealed or designated as Confidential.

10. In filing Confidential Discovery Material with this Court, or filing portions of any pleadings, motions, or other papers that disclose such Confidential Discovery Material (“Confidential Court Submission”), the Parties shall publicly file a redacted copy of the Confidential Court Submission via the Electronic Case Filing System. The Parties shall comply with the Court’s Individual Rules of Practice and Southern District of New York ECF filing rules regarding sealed documents. The parties should be aware that the Court will unseal documents if it is unable to make “specific, on the record findings . . . demonstrating that closure is essential to preserve higher values and is narrowly tailored to serve that interest.” *Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110, 120 (2d Cir. 2006).

11. Any Party who objects to any designation of confidentiality may at any time before the trial of this action serve upon counsel for the Producing Party a written notice stating with particularity the grounds of the objection. If the Parties cannot reach an agreement within 3 business days, counsel for all affected Parties will address their dispute to this Court in accordance with paragraph 2(C) of this Court’s Individual Rules and Practices.

12. Inadvertent Production of Privileged Information: The production of privileged or work-product protected documents, electronically stored information (“ESI”), or information (“Protected Information”), whether inadvertent or otherwise, is not a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Order is entered pursuant to Rule 502(d) of the Federal Rules of Evidence and shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). Subject to the provisions of this Order, if the Producing Party discloses Protected Information, the disclosure of that Protected Information will not constitute or be deemed a waiver or forfeiture—in this or any other action—of any claim of privilege or work product protection that the Producing Party would otherwise be entitled to assert with respect to the Protected Information and its subject matter.

This Order protects any disclosure of Protected Information, whether that disclosure is inadvertent or otherwise.

Each party is entitled to decide, in its sole discretion, the appropriate degree of care to exercise in reviewing materials for privilege. Irrespective of the care that is actually exercised in reviewing materials for privilege, the Court hereby orders that disclosure of Protected Information in discovery conducted in this litigation shall not waive any claim of privilege or work product protection that the Producing Party would otherwise be entitled to assert with respect to the Protected Information and its subject matter.

If a party determines that it has inadvertently produced privileged information, all parties shall follow the procedures of Federal Rule of Evidence 26(b)(5)(B) to resolve the issue. A Producing Party must notify the party receiving the Protected Information (“the Receiving Party”), in writing, that it has disclosed that Protected Information without intending a waiver by the disclosure. Upon receipt of notification, the Receiving Party shall, within fourteen (14) days, take all reasonable steps to destroy, sequester, or return all copies, electronic or otherwise, of such

document or other information, and shall provide a certification that it will cease further review, dissemination, and use of the Protected Information. Pursuant to Rule 26(b)(5)(B), if the Receiving Party disagrees with the Producing Party's designation, it must, within fourteen (14) days, promptly present the information to the court under seal for a determination of the claim. The Producing Party must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

This Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed to the Disclosing Party by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). The provisions of Federal Rule of Evidence 502(b)(2) are inapplicable to the production of Protected Information under this Order. However, if for any reason, a Court finds that this Section is inapplicable to Protected Information, then Rule 502(b) will apply in its absence.

Nothing contained herein is intended to or shall serve to limit a party's right to conduct a review of documents, ESI, or information (including metadata) for relevance, responsiveness, and/or segregation of privileged and/or protected information before production.

13. Any Party who requests additional limits on disclosure (such as "attorneys' eyes only" in extraordinary circumstances), may at any time before the trial of this action serve upon counsel for the recipient Parties a written notice stating with particularity the grounds of the request. If the Parties cannot reach agreement within 3 business days, counsel for all affected Parties will address their dispute to this Court in accordance with Rule 2(C) of this Court's Individual Rules of Practice in Civil Cases.

14. Recipients of Confidential Discovery Material under this Order may use such material solely for the prosecution and defense of this action and any appeals thereto, and not for any other purpose or in any other litigation proceeding. Nothing contained in this Order, however, will affect or restrict the rights of any Party with respect to its own documents or information produced in this action.

15. Nothing in this Order will prevent any Party from producing any Confidential Discovery Material in its possession in response to a lawful subpoena or other compulsory process, or if required to produce by law or by any government agency having jurisdiction, provided that such Party gives written notice to the Producing Party (by email to Producing Party's counsel of record as of the date of this Order) as soon as reasonably possible, and if permitted by the time allowed under the request, at least 5 business days before any disclosure. Upon receiving such notice, the Producing Party shall bear the burden and all costs of opposing compliance with the subpoena, other compulsory process, or other legal notice if the Producing Party deems it appropriate to do so.

16. Each person who has access to Discovery Material designated as confidential pursuant to this Order must take all due precautions to prevent the unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure of such material.

17. Within 60 days of the final disposition of this action—including all appeals—all recipients of Confidential Discovery Material must either return it—including all copies thereof—to the Producing Party, or, upon permission of the Producing Party, destroy such material—including all copies thereof. In either event, by the 60-day deadline, the recipient must certify its return or destruction by submitting a written certification to the Producing Party that affirms that it has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, or other forms of reproducing or capturing any of the Confidential Discovery Material. Notwithstanding this provision, the attorneys that the Parties have specifically retained for this action may retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, expert reports, legal memoranda, correspondence, or attorney work product, even if such materials contain Confidential Discovery Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Confidential Discovery Material remain subject to this Order.

18. This Order will survive the termination of the litigation and will continue to be binding upon all persons subject to this Order to whom Confidential Discovery Material is produced or disclosed.

19. This Court will retain jurisdiction over all persons subject to this Order to the extent necessary to enforce any obligations arising hereunder or to impose sanctions for any contempt thereof.

SO STIPULATED AND AGREED.

Dated: September 23, 2020

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SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 23, 2020
New York, New York



PAUL A. ENGELMAYER
United States District Judge

EXHIBIT A
to Stipulated Confidentiality
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NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read and understand the Protective Order in this action governing the non-disclosure of those portions of Discovery Material that have been designated as Confidential. I agree that I will not disclose such Confidential Discovery Material to anyone other than the purpose of this litigation and that at the conclusion of the litigation I will return all discovery information to the Party or attorney from whom I received it. By acknowledging these obligations under the Protective Order, I understand that I am submitting myself to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern

District of New York for the purpose of any issue or dispute arising hereunder and that my willful violation of any term of the Protective Order could subject me to punishment for contempt of Court.

Name:

Date: